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SUBJ: OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

SUMMARY: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) SECRETARY-GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MOBOUMOUA IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE URGED INDEPENDENT AFRICA TO PREPARE TO FORM DETERRENT FORCE AGAINST WHITE-RULED SOUTHERN AFRICAN AGGRESSION. ETEKI PAID TRIBUTE TO FIVE FRONT-LINE STATES FOR PROVIDING THEIR TERRITORIES TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND FOR EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO CRIMINAL AGGRESSION BY RACIST REGIMES OF SALISBURY AND PRETORIA. HE SAID ZIMBABWE HAS BEGUN HER IRREVERSIBLE DRIVE FOR LIBERATION AND IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ZIMBABWE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO RESIST "NOTORIOUS TRICKS OF DEMON OF DIVISION". ETEKI SAID HOUR OF TRUTH HAS SOUNDED IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN THEIR DETERMINATION TO SHAKE OFF YOKE OF INHUMAN REGIME. HE APPEALED TO ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT STRUGGLE THERE, ESPECIALLY TO ASSIST REFUGEES. ETEKI ALSO NOTED "DISQUIETING" CASE OF WESTERN SAHARA AND ADDED SPECIAL SUMMIT ON THIS ISSUE DUE TO BE HELD WITHIN
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NEXT FEW MONTHS. ETEKI EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION WITH SUCCESS OF OAU CAMPAIGN FOR NON-RECOGNITION OF SO-CALLED TRANSKEI STATE. ETEKI SUMMARIZED OAU AIMS FOR COMING YEAR AS LIBERATION OF AFRICA FROM FOREIGN BASES, ECONOMIC DOMINATION, AND CULTURAL SUBJUGATION, AND TO WIN BATTLE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER (SIC). ETEKI URGED GREATER EFFECTIVENESS FOR COMING YEAR, ESPECIALLY DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL ACTION FOR

ORGANIZED COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS. FOLLOWING DAY'S
ETHIOPIAN HERALD EDITORIAL EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT
FOR ETEKI PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE EMPHASIS IN OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA
TRADITIONAL OAU NEW YEAR MESSAGE WAS NOT UNNATURALLY ON
SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. HE URGED INDEPENDENT AFRICAN NATIONS
TO PREPARE TO FORM DETERRENT FORCE AGAINST AGGRESSION FROM WHITE-
RULED SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN DOING SO, ETEKI PRAISED FRONT-LINE
STATES OF ANGOLA,BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA, AND ZAMBIA
FOR OFFERING IN THEIR TERRITORIES "THE BEST POSSIBLE FIGHTING
CONDITIONS TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND
SOUTH AFRICA." HE NOTED THAT SOLIDARITY OF FRONT LINE STATES'
ASSISTANCE TO LIVERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS ALL THE
MORE REMARKABLE, BECAUSE IT "INEVITABLY EXPOSES THESE COUNTRIES
TO CRIMINAL AGGRESSION, IF NOT INVASION BY THE RACIST REGIMES
OF PRETORIA AND SALISBURY". RESPONSIBILITY OF OAU STATES
WAS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES AND PREPARE "NOT ONLY TO ASSIST
(FREEDOM FIGHTERS) TO REPEL AGGRESSION OR TO MEET AGGRESSION
BY AGGRESSION, BUT TO SET UP A DETERRENT FORCE AGAINST SUCH
AGGRESSION". ETEKI SPECULATED IF SOUTHERN AFRICA AGGRESSION
NOT COUNTERED, IT COULD CREATE OSTENSIBLE PRETEXT FOR TAKING
ACTION AGAINST OTHER INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTIES.

2. IN LINE WITH OAU POSITION ON ZIMBABWE, ETEKI URGED FREEDOM
FIGHTERS TO RESIST NOTORIOUS TRICKS TO DIVIDE THEIR RANKS. HE
CHARACTERIZED IMPEDIMENTS AND SUBTERFUGE BEING USED BY IAN SMITH
AS" LAST KICKS OF MORTALLY WOUNDED AND DYING BEAST". HE APPEALED
TO VARIOUS ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FACTIONS TO RISE ABOVE RIVALRY
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AND NOT TO PLAY INTO HANDS OF ENEMY WHO ATTEMPTING TO WEAKEN
SINEWS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

3. IN SAYING "HOUR OF TRUTH HAS SOUNDED FOR SOUTH AFRICA",
ETEKI APPEALED TO ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ASSIST "YOUNG HEROES
OF WOETO AND OTHER AREAS WHO ARE FLEEING BY THOUSANDS FROM
BLIND REPRESSION".

4. IN REVIEW OF SOME OAU ISSUES DURING PAST YEAR HE CHARACTER-
IZED SITUATION IN WESTERN SAHARA AS "DISQUIETING", ADDING THAT
SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS. HE NOTED SUCCESS
OF OAU CAMPAIGN FOR NON-RECOGNITION OF SO -CALLED TRANSKEI STATE,
WHICH HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD AND UPHELD BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

5. ETEKI BELIEVED OAU AIMS FOR COMING YEAR SHOULD BE TO LIVERATE
AFRICA FROM FOREIGN BASES, EXONOMIC DOMINATION, CULTURAL SUBJ-
GATION, AND TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL OR-
DER (SIC). HW CONCLUDED THAT IN GENERAL HE EXPECTED COMING
YEAR TO BE ONE OF GREATER EFFECTIVENESS FOR OAU. AS AN

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EXAMPLE OF PAST EFFECTIVENESS, HE SIAD ADMISSION OF ANGOLA
TO UNITED NATIONS HAD PAVED WAY FOR INDEPENDENT STATE OF DJI-
BOUTI.

6. FOLLOWING DAYS'S ETHIOPIAN HERALD EDITORIAL PRAISED OAU
SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE AND ENDORSED HIS CALL FOR
A DETERRENT FORCE. IN CITING SOUTHERN AFRICA'S INCREASED NU-
CLEAR CAPABILITY, AIDED BY SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES' ASSISTANCE,
AND 36 PERCENT INCREASE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S DEFENSE EXPENDITURE, WHICH
REPORTEDLY AMOUNTS TO 20 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGETARY OUTLAY, HERALD
SAW THREAT POSED TO ALL INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES. EDITORIAL
NOTED INCREASE IN REFUGEES AND CONTINUING HOSTILE ACTS BY
SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST ANGOLA. IT CALLED ON AFRICAN STATES TO
REASSESS THEIR STRENGTH AND WORK OUT COMMON FRONT TO ENABLE
FORCE TO BE MET WITH FORCE, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT WITHOUT
DETERRENT FORCE, ESPECIALLY TO ASSIST FRON-LINE STATES WHO
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CONSTANTLY FACED WITH THREAT OF INCURSION, EXPRESSIONS OF
SOLIDARITY AND UNITY BECOME MERE SLOGANS.

7 ETKEI NEW YEAR MESSAGE AND SUBSEQUENT ETHIOPIAN EDITORIAL
VERY CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS OAU POLICIES AND STATEMENTS ON
SOUTHERN AFRICA. CALL FOR DETERRENT FORCE SIMILAR TO OAU IMPOR-
TANTS BEFORE END OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM IN AFRICA WHEN EF-
FORTS FOCUSED ON ASSISTANCE TO ANTI-PORTUGUESE LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS.
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